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SUBJ: LOS: VOLTAN POSITION

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED LOS WITH FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING LEVEL SPECIALISTS TOE AND BAMBA. BAMBA, WHO SEEMS ALERT AND IN-SRHED, ATTENDED AFRICAN EXPERTS MEETING. IT POSSIBLE HE MAY GO TO UPCOMING MEETINGS, BUT DELEGATION NOT YET NAMED.

2. BASED ON REFTTEL, EMBOFF STRESSED NEED FOR AFRICANS (AND OTHERS) TAKE FLEXIBLE STANCE IN ORDER PERMIT MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS AT GENEVA. VOLTANS AGREED. AS TO NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY IN ORDER ENABLE EACH COUNTRY BEST PURSUE ITS OWN INTERESTS, VOLTANS SAID GOUV WOULD GIVE REGIONAL AFRICAN INTERESTS PRIORITY OVER NATIONAL INTERESTS.

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3. VOLTANS SUPPORT SETTING BREADTH TERRITORIAL SEA AT 12 NAUTICAL MILES AND ESTABLISHMENT ECONOMIC RESOURCE ZONE BEYOND IT. IN GOUV VIEW, ZONE SHOULD EXTEND TO 200 MILES FROM SHORE SHOULD COVER BOTH LIVING AND NON- LIVING RESOURCES WITHIN SAME BOUNDARIES AND SHOULD BE SUBJECT ABSOLUTE FREE PASSAGE ON SAME TERMS AS HIGH SEAS. THUS GOUV APPEARS PREFER HEAVE ZONE WIDTH SET (AT 188 MILES) BY INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY RATHER THAN BY COASTAL STATES. POLLUTION STANDARDS SHOULD BE SET BY INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WITH SAME STANDARDS TO APPLY TO BOTH HIGH SEAS AND ECONOMIC RESOURCE ZONE. IN ZONE, CITIZENS OF NON- LITTORAL STATES SHOULD HAVE RIGHT PARTICIPATE IN EXPLOITATION OR RESOURCES ON SAME FOOTING AS NATIONALS OF COSTAL STATES; I. E., THEY SHOULD BE EQUALLY ELIGIBLE OBTAIN FISHING LICENSES, ETC.

4. DISCUSSED STRAITS ISSUE, BUT CLEAR PICTURE VOLTAN POSITION DID NOT EMERGE. EMBOFF MADE POINT THAT SAME FREE PASSAGE REGIME ENVISAGED BY GOUV FOR ECONOMIC RESOURCE ZONE WOULD LOGICALLY APPLY TO STRAITS.
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